

MELSONBY PARISH COUNCIL RATIFIED MINUTES

THE MEETING OF MELSONBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 6.30pm at St James Church Meeting Room

PRESENT: Cllr G Angus (GA)- Chair, Cllr V Elrington (VE), Cllr T Henderson (TH,) Cllr W Nixon (WN) - Chair, Cllr B Bottle (BB), Cllr J Stansfield (JS).

In attendance: J Pears (Clerk) and resident.

Item	Covering	Summary	Detail/Action	Action/By Who
1.	Apologies		RESOLVED -- Cllr S Turner (ST) and Cllr Angus Thompson (AT) – North Yorkshire Council (NYC) - ACCEPTED.	Completed
2.	Declarations of Interest		RESOLVED – None.	Completed
3.	Minutes of last meeting		RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st January 2026 are confirmed as a true record and signed by Chair.	Completed
4.	Progress reports and updates since last meeting:			
4a.	NYC Councillor update	Update from Councillor Angus Thompson (AT).	RESOLVED – No Update.	Completed
4b.	Community Speed Watch (CSW) and VAS	Update.	RESOLVED – Andrew - CSW co-ordinator gave an update. He shared the VAS and speed watch data and will share this on the website. The VAS signs had been moved and Councillors agreed to leave them for another 5-6 weeks. CSW is starting in April and will be aiming to do 2 sessions a month. Volunteer numbers have dwindled. More volunteers are needed. Andrew suggested putting a leaflet with newsletter or in children’s school bags to see if parents/carers may volunteer? GA will put a leaflet together and arrange for it to be printed.	Clerk GA
4c.	35 Church Row public footpath	Ongoing.	RESOLVED – WN spoke with Westgarth’s. They are doing the work but will be when they have the resources and weather permitting.	WN
4d.	Meeting with Paul Randle at NYC	Ongoing.	RESOLVED – Clerk arranged for the new contact at Highways – Paul Randle to meet with the Parish Council on 23 rd March. He cancelled on the day and as yet has not provided another date.	Clerk
4e.	Parish Council Burial Ground Annual Review Wall Behind the Church in NYC burial ground	Issued was first raised on 25 th May 2025 to NYC.	RESOLVED – The contractors have been asked to provide quotes to back fill the grave stones that require remedial work. Two quotes have been received the other is yet to provide it. Councillors agreed that Clerk will follow up on the final quote. If this is not provided, they have agreed to proceed with two quotes. Clerk gave an update on the wall behind the church – NYC would like to fence the area off until work can be carried out in the spring/summer. This was emailed in October 2025, as yet nothing further has been done. Councillors asked Clerk to contact the councillor responsible.	Councillors/ Clerk Clerk
4f.	Planters around the village		RESOLVED – The planter near the well needs maintaining. A resident had shown an interest. As yet the Clerk has not heard back from them. GA will follow this up.	GA
4g.	Finger sign missing		RESOLVED – Finger sign is still missing to the north of the school. Clerk will chase this again. A second sign is missing at the route to Langdale. Clerk has asked for a photograph of the area and further information.	Clerk